

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1.-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method for shipping an article from a sender to a recipient, and guaranteeing that the article has remained unopened in a period from acceptance from the sender until delivery to the recipient, comprising:

obtaining on a seal sender-provided information at a time of acceptance of the article from the sender;

copying the sender-provided information from the seal onto a verification sheet formed of a translucent material so as to permit viewing therethrough;

sealing the article with the seal and transporting the article to the recipient;

delivering the verification sheet to the recipient together with or separately from the article;

at time of ~~acceptance~~ delivery of the article ~~from the sender to the recipient~~, superimposing the verification sheet against the seal; and

checking the sender-provided information on the seal against the sender-provided information on the verification sheet while the verification sheet is superimposed over the seal, thereby guaranteeing that the article has remained sealed with the seal.

13. (Currently Amended) A method for shipping an article from a sender to a recipient, and guaranteeing that the article has remained unopened in a period from acceptance from the sender until delivery to the recipient, comprising:

at time of acceptance of the article from the sender, superimposing a seal and verification sheet on a slip comprising a sender's copy, recipient's copy and shipping control slip so as to enable copying;

obtaining sender-provided information on the seal;

copying the sender-provided information to both the verification sheet and the slip;

sealing the article with the seal and transporting the article to the recipient;

delivering the verification sheet to the recipient together with or separately from the article;

at a time of delivery of the article to the recipient, checking the sender-provided information on the verification sheet against the sender-provided information on the slip, thereby confirming that the verification sheet has not been replaced; and

checking the sender-provided information on the seal against the sender-provided information on the verification sheet, thereby guaranteeing that the article has remained sealed with the seal.

14. (Previously Presented) The shipping method of claim 13, further comprising checking slip-specific information provided on the slip for confirming that the slip has not been replaced.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Withdrawn) A shipping slip for guaranteeing that a shipped article remains unopened, comprising:

a slip including a sender's copy, recipient's copy and shipping control slip, each being superimposed so as to enable copying;

a seal for receiving sender-provided information; and

a verification sheet for receiving sender-provided information substantially identical to that entered on the seal.

17. (Withdrawn) The shipping slip of claim 16, wherein the seal is placed on top of the slip and verification sheet so that sender-provided information entered on the seal is adapted for copying to the verification sheet.

18. (Withdrawn) The shipping slip of claim 17, wherein sender-provided information entered on the seal is copied to the verification sheet and the slip.

19. (Withdrawn) The shipping slip of any one of claims 16-18, wherein the verification sheet comprises a translucent material so as enable viewing therethrough, the verification sheet being superimposed on the seal sealing the article to verify the sender-provided information.

20. (Withdrawn) A shipping slip according to claim 16, wherein there is provided a translucent cover seal affixed so as to cover the seal, and the cover seal breaks when peeled from the article for shipping.

21. (Withdrawn) A seal set for guaranteeing that a shipped article has remained unopened comprising:

a seal on which sender-provided information is entered;

said seal being superimposed on a verification sheet, said sender-provided information being copied onto said verification sheet;

the verification sheet comprising a translucent material so as to permit viewing therethrough, the verification sheet being superimposed on the seal sealing the article for shipping for verifying sender-provided information.